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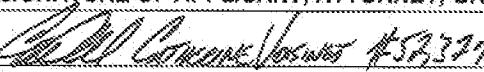
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal Address to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number	09/107,486-Conf. #8134
	Filing Date	June 30, 1998
	First Named Inventor	Yoshiko SHIIMORI
	Art Unit	2625
	Examiner Name	K. Y. Poon
	Attorney Docket Number	0905-0206P

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. <input type="checkbox"/> Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114	Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).						
a. <input type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.							
i. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____ ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____							
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2. Miscellaneous							
a. <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required) b. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____							
3. Fees							
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, any underpayment of fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-2448. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet. <table border="0" style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td>i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</td> </tr> </table>				i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)	ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)	iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
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b. <input type="checkbox"/> Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed							
c. <input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)							

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Signature	 D. Richard Anderson	Date	MAY 23, 2007
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